

Amendments to the Specification

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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

After page 1 line 1 please insert the following heading:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

After page 1 line 2 please insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

After page 1 line 10 please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please delete the five paragraphs beginning at page 1 line 13 and ending at page 2 line 11 and insert the following new paragraphs in their place:

- - Accordingly, the present invention provides a fastener device comprising a nut, a threaded member for receiving the nut, and visual indicator means for visually indicating if the nut has unintentionally become loose on the threaded member during use of the fastener device, the visual indicator means being such that it comprises an indicator member which is pivotally mounted on the nut, at least one recess in the threaded member, and biasing means which biases the indicator member into the recess and thereby to an indicating position in which the indicator member gives a visual indication that the nut has become loose, the biasing means being such that it firstly operates automatically consequent upon the nut becoming unintentionally loose and it secondly operates without a requirement for a tool for tightening and loosening the nut to be placed over the nut, and the indicator member being such that when it is in the recess it prevents further unintentional loosening of the nut on the threaded member.

The visual indicator means provides a simple means of indicating if a nut has become loose. The nut can then be tightened as necessary.

The indicator member may include an indicator portion which extends proud of the nut when the indicator member is in the recess.

The fastener device may include a pivot member which pivotally mounts the indicator member on the nut such that the indicator member extends radially with respect to a threaded bore through the nut. Preferably, the pivot member pivotally mounts the indicator member in a slot in the nut. - -

After page 4 line 5 please insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

After page 5 line 18 please insert the following heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the paragraph at page 6 lines 13 - 16 with the following paragraph:

- - A pivot member 18 pivotally mounts the indicator member 10 on the nut 4 such that the indicator member 10 extends radially with respect to a threaded bore through the nut 4. More specifically, the pivot member 18 pivotally mounts the indicator member 10 in a slot 20 in the nut 4. - -